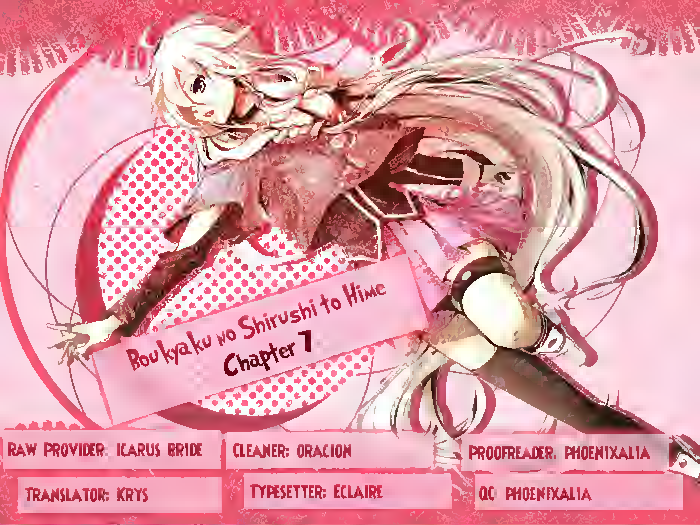

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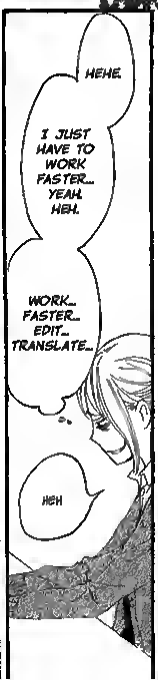

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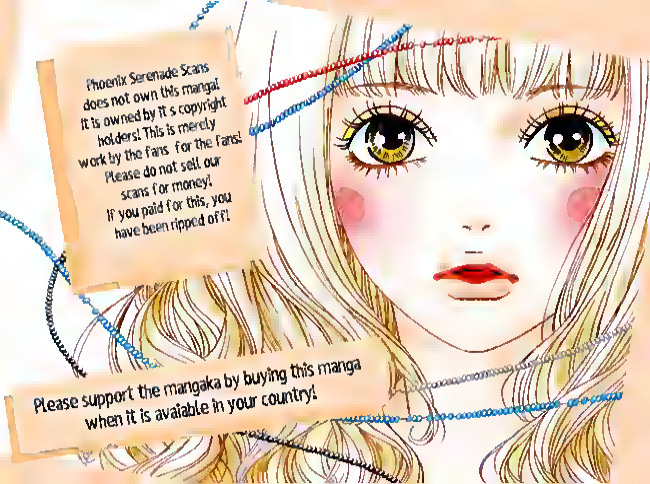
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Chapter 7

Ah – hahaha!

I was so surprised when I realized that all about the King's point of view.

It's about the first story of the headless king from the Hana to Yume but actually the content was a bit different. The story being told was about gardening. Honestly I love the materials about gardening. When I began writing for the magazine I had to change it to please those who read it throughout. Because of things like meaningless kisses when I wrote for the magazine there were too many pages so I cried and cried. Since I removed some of the material I was in the magazine so I was happy. Combining two stories I wanted to create the perfect story. But, they rejected what I first made and made me redo it. That's hard. I guess the work from until now is still not the best. I wrote it while crying. But because of that I was told that the people who read it throughout also enjoy it. I'm really happy about it.

The Headless King is the hardest and heart-breaking story but it is also an existence I am grateful for as it brings me the most happiness. Hehe

I will keep trying harder and harder!!

What I'm interested in lately

A round matrioshka. But I don't really like the real matrioshka. I like the matriashka that was made after the Japanese idea.

The story takes place in a peaceful country ruled by a king with strong magic powers.
Oh!
He's back!!
Age 160 years.
slam
The king after being through 3662 arranged marriages...
tap tap
Your Highness!!

Welcome back!!
HUG!!
...has finally accepted as queen, the 15 year old Princess Lilia.
shove
AH!
disappointed
...I'm sorry.
I shouldn't suddenly hug him like that
The king was feared by everyone.
.....
But the queen...

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The Queen loved the King immensely.
Your High-ness..
oh!
WHAT A CUTE BIRD!
I WONDER WHERE IT CAME FROM!
chatter! chatter!!
SHE'S LETTING US PET HER!
AND SHE HAS A BANDANA ON! HOW INTERESTING!
SHOCK
pet
pet
pet
pet
somebody must be raising her right?
HOW CUTE!

the same atmosphere...
pet
pet
A beautiful duck being taken care of.
IS THIS WHAT I AM...
TO HIS HIGHNESS...?
Garnet
during training
OH DEAR, WHAT HAPPENED?
A PET, YOU SAY?
Aquamarine
sigh
Aren't I seen just as a pet who behaves well?
MMM

That's right—
His Highness truly cherishes me a lot but—
We are not like a married couple at all.
He only kissed me once.
No, no!
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS THE REASON.
It's not what you think!
THIS MIGHT SEEM LIKE AN AWKWARD QUESTION BUT, MISS LILIA DO YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE BRIDAL NIGHT?
Yes! Of course!
Before I got married my mother taught me all about it!
As I thought, it's because I have no charm, isn't it?
sigh
.....
Oh!
AS EXPECTED OF A PRINCESS!
ONCE MARRIED THE HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SLEEP IN THE SAME BED!!
chuckle
THAT IS CORRECT—

...HER MOTHER MOSTLY COVERED IT UP...
smile
That's easy!
...AND THEN YOU MUST STAY STILL UNTIL MORNING!!
.....
But
It's strange When I was little and I wanted to sleep with Mother and Father,
She scolded me saying that the same goes for babies
You can't
Mother
Father
Reversely sleeping with your husband is an adult thing!
It's strange but it's an incredibly lucky thing!
How adorable!
...WE'D RATHER YOU ALWAYS STAY LIKE THIS!
?

turn
Is something wrong?
I'VE GOT IT!
!!
LET'S GO TO AN INTERESTING PLACE!
to distract ourselves!
—An interesting place?
THE BANFORIE HOUSEHOLD HAS LIVED FOR A LONG TIME—
slowly
THE SUCCESSIVE KINGS WHO HAD A LOT OF FREE TIME—
—USED THEIR MAGIC AND THEY TRADED—

...INVEN-TIONS! THIS IS 'THE ROOM OF JUNK BOXED TOYS'!
Oh my!
HERE, THERE ARE STRANGE THINGS GATHERED...
THERE ARE ALSO THINGS WE CAN USE BUT...
The wings that you used and the orb both came from here!
THIS IS REALLY FUN!!

There are so many things!
Miss Lilia
That is an ark with which one can understand the language of insects.
What is this?
Oh, THAT is...
WHAT SHOULD I PLAY WITH?
clink
What's this?
Spirits have no interest in beauty
AH...
THOSE ARE POTIONS THAT I BELIEVE ANY HUMAN GIRL WOULD WANT.
THIS SHELF IS WITH THOSE REGARDING BEAUTY

Beauty... A potion that makes you beautiful.
That's right!! MISS LILIA.
THIS POTION TURNS YOU INTO A COW AND...
This one too!
cheerful
cheerful
Spirits seem to have more interest in things like these
Ah!
Lilia takes after her father
MAKE ME AT LEAST AS BEAUTIFUL AS MOTHER!!
IF I BECOME BEAUTIFUL I'M SURE THAT THE KING WILL....
holding tight
Gulp
POOF!!
!!
MISS LILIA!!
EH?

Huh?
MISS LILIA...
THE MIRROR...
Why are my clothes so big now?
Mirror...?
...Eh?
That potion...
AHHH HHHH HHHH HHH!
Was a potion that makes you younger.

WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED?
CLANK
knock
knock
EXCUSE ME, YOUR HIGHNESS
WELL... WE HAVE A SMALL PROBLEM
bang
WHAT HAPPENED?
IT'S ABOUT MISS LILILA
UM...
MISS LILIA HAS...
WELL... IT'S NOT SOMETHING LIFE-THREATENING BUT...
quietly

Your Highness.
I'm sorry.
raises hand
THAT'S STRANGE...
He is putting up with it but
HE IS LAUGHING...
"LILIA IS ALWAYS DOING RECKLESS THINGS SO IT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A GOOD POTION"
IS WHAT HE SAID
smile
isn't that great? He's not angry!
ガーン
SHOCK

He said something stupid!
Larima
BANG
MISS LILIA!
trembling
Sniff...
Sniff...
Sniff...
I HATE YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS!!
WAHHH!
MISS LILIA!
DASH
bam
YOUR HIGH-NESS.
.....
...HATE...
SILENCE
IF YOU'RE THAT SHOCKED, HOW ABOUT YOU FOLLOW HER AND APOLOGIZE?

Imagination
What charm?
I'm not even in his line of sight now!
Woaah!
I'm such an idiot!!
Mean-while
MISS LILIA?
clank
knock
knock
DON'T WORRY
IT SEEMS THAT THIS POTION'S EFFECT WILL ONLY LAST FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS
Sigh
It's just like His Highness said..
sad
I am reckless

WELL, WE ARE HAVING FUN!!
And His Highness' troubled face is also very interesting
SOMETHING INTERESTING LIKE THIS HASN'T HAPPENED IN A LONG TIME
...Thank you.
Your spirits might lift
BEFORE HAVING LUNCH WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BATH?
ALSO AQUAMARINE IS NOW MAKING YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES
These clothes were also made by the three sisters
depressed
Oh
Come to think of it,
while undressing
Since my body is small the bathtub will be larger!
I wonder if I can swim in it like when I was little!

THAT'S RIGHT!
NO MATTER THE SIZE, IT IS GOOD TO ENJOY YOURSELF!
Alright!
You're right!
LET'S SWIM!
tap tap
EH?
Fall
SLIP
Splash
MISS LILIA!
blub
blub

cough
cough
grab
ARE YOU ALRIGHT??
MISS LILIA??
cough
Oh no!
It's too deep for a child, isn't it?
cough
How adorable!
cuddle
...
MISS LILIA!
PLEASE, HURRY UP AND HAVE A CHILD!
One that looks just like you!
Hmm
Then we will need a shallower bath.
Having a bath is trouble-some!
I could drown!
Rather than the bath, there are other problem.
...

out from her bath
steamy
steamy
MISS LILIA!
DINNER IS READY!
OK!
struggling
.....
UMM . I'D LIKE A CUSHION PLEASE.
Maybe server?
SO CUTE!
comforting~
SHE IS

THIS IS JUST PERFECT!
.....
Eh?
Ah!
THAT'S RIGHT!
EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE A CUSHION...
lifts
?
IF YOU EAT FROM HERE,
I'M ON HIS HIGNESS' LAP!
blush
UNEXPECTEDLY, MY DREAM CAME TRUE!
I'm happy!
WE SEEM SO LOVEY-DOVEY!
Haha
OH MY!!
HOW CHARMING!
I'M BEING MADE FUN OF BY EVERYONE!

THEY SEEM LIKE A FATHER AND CHILD!
Shock!
ガーン
NO, SLOWLY WE ARE DRIFTING AWAY FROM BEING A COUPLE...
Father and Child?!
EVEN UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-, STANCES I'M SO CHILDISH...
I CAN'T EVEN BE BY HIS SIDE...
THIS WAY...

The next morning
MISS LILIA, IT'S TIME FOR BREAK-FAST
Today, I want to eat in my room
WHAT IS WRONG!? ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL!?
No, I am fine.
Bob
I don't want His Highness to see me like this anymore
I'M sorry
I feel like His Highness is getting farther away from me
MISS LILIA

THAT'S RIGHT.
HUMAN GIRLS ARE BEINGS WHO IF THEY FAIL IN THEIR LOOK EVEN ONLY A LITTLE,
THEY LOSE THEIR CONFIDENCE AND CAN'T BE AROUND THE PERSON THEY LOVE.
Even if only for a while,
I want to see you to see me.
Being beautiful.
WHAT ABOUT LILIA?

IT SEEMS SHE WILL BE EATING IN HER ROOM TODAY
HERE THIS COPY
trudge
trudge
wiggle
wiggle
GASP!
MISS LILIA!
DASH!

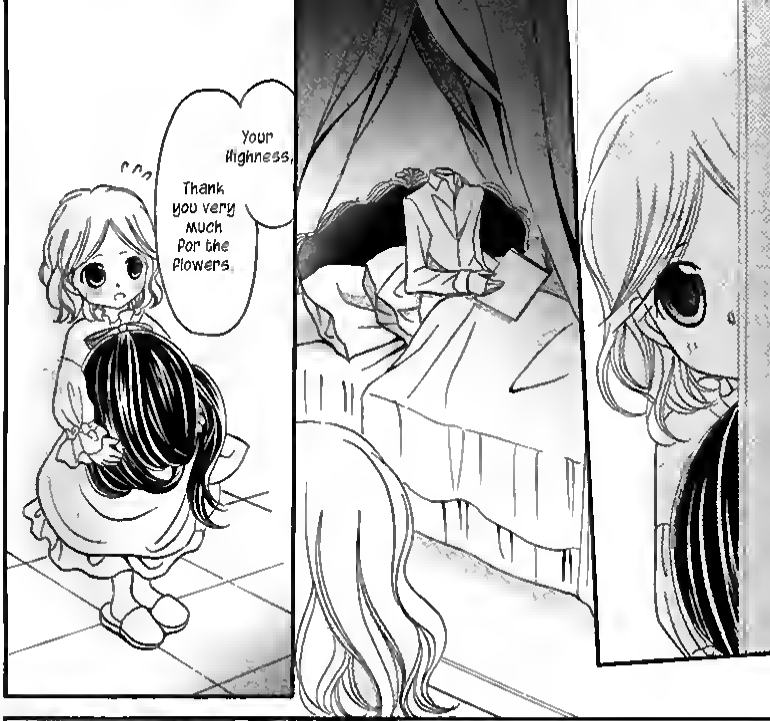
He was clearly avoided...
nervous
nervous
tap tap
IT APPEARS THAT SHE IS ANGRY AFTER ALL!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU, LARIMA!
gasp
I AM SORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS!
!!!
Lilia in her room during lessons
Well you see
How is this pronounced?
knock knock
MISS LILIA?
WHAT IS IT?
WELL HIS HIGHNESS IS HERE.

Eh?
His Highness?
nervous
what should I do?
nervous
Ah
I'm sorry, Your Highness.
I am rather busy now
PLEASE EXCUSE US
I UNDERSTAND
huff huff
sigh
clank
I AM GOING TO VERIFY
Ok
OH MY!
MISS LILIA,
THIS IS FROM HIS HIGHNESS
rustle
Oh?

Flowers!
They're so pretty!
Oh?
There's a note!
I am sorry I said bad things
.....
He's not angry after all.

I want His Highness to tell Me he loves Me, even if it's only a little bit!
Even in this form,
Garnet,
Do you think His Highness will still like me?
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK,
YOU ARE STILL YOU.
Thank you!

CLANK
MISS LILIA
YOU CAN ENTER
Eh?
Really?
He would always say I can't!
Alright
I WILL ASK HIS HIGHNESS RIGHT NOW
MISS LILIA,
BONK
He said that 'If it's in that form nothing will happen'-
What does that mean?
?
ANYWAY PLEASE GO IN!
You idiot! You and your big mouth!
?


Your Highness,
Thank you very much for the flowers.

Pieces down
lifts
chuckle

I got these large clothes so that...
Everything will be fine even if I return to normal.
What's with those clothes?
I'm sorry for drinking the potion without asking.
Your Highness.
Why did you drink the potion?
I wanted to become beautiful
I don't really have any charm
I look just like a child
I am only 15 years old, after all.

huff
.....
...But Your Highness won't even kiss me anymore.
!!!
You are beautiful enough
sigh
.....
swish

WE CAN TAKE IT SLOWLY
LILIA,

WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A LONG ENGAGE-MENT
WE GOT MARRIED AS SOON AS WE MET AND...
YES.
...SLOWLY?
IT TAKES TIME FOR US TO MEET HALFWAY
...AND OUR AGE DIFFERENCE IS OF 14.5 YEARS.
SINCE WE MET,
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN GROWN TALLER.
SLOWLY,
JUST LIKE LOVERS?

THAT'S RIGHT.
Then you'll take me on dates?
I WILL.
And you'll properly hold my hand!?
OF COURSE
IT'S A DATE, ISN'T IT?
!!
wriggle
wriggle
COVERS

Your Highness,
Please give me a goodnight kiss
O-OH
sigh
.....
creak

Is much more comfortable than any fluffy bed,
SWEET DREAMS, LILIA.
IT'S SO MYSTERIOUS... LIKE MAGIC.
The warmth of the person I love...
And makes it me really happy...

kiss

Good morning,
Your Highness.
!!
Slides back
shock
THUD!
Your Highness is
Are you alright?
Since he had his head on it, it rather hurt.
Ouu!
YOUR HIGHNESS, NOW WE HAVE COMPLETED THE BRIDAL NIGHT!!
EH?
WE SPENT THE WHOLE NIGHT TOGETHER!
smile

AH...YES... I HAD A FEELING YOU HAD THAT KIND OF KNOWLEDGE...
smile
smile
.....
From now on let's sleep together every night!!
holds tightly
...HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN IT TO HER?
This way
Today too in Banfonie,
A new peaceful day has begun
TO BE CONTINUED